# Passages from the Holy Quran

## 9. Surah Al-Zilzal (99)

### Translation:

1. When the earth is shaken to her utmost convulsion,
2. And the earth throws up her burdens,
3. And man cries out: What is the matter with her?'
4. On that day she will declare her tidings:
5. For that your Lord will have given her inspiration.
6. On that day will men proceed in companies sorted out, to be shown their deeds?
7. Then shall anyone who has done an atom's weight of good see it!
8. And anyone who has done an atom's weight of evil shall see it!

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### A: Main Theme:

- The main Theme of the passage is God's relation with the created world.
- This passage elaborates the events and the final outcome of the day of reckoning or end of time. That day will be marked by the most intense convulsions that will reverse all he normal physical phenomena.
- It mentions God's power to sustain the Earth as long as He wishes and how He will shake the earth, destroying what He created.
- It reflects Allah's power to give life and death and accountability of human beings for their actions on earth
- This passage reflects Allah's special favours and blessing on Human beings that Allah has sustained the whole universe for mankind and He has established a favourable environment on Earth for human survival which shows Allah's special relation with human beings.
- This passage reflects that this universe is sustained till a specific time and it will be destroyed by the will of Allah on Dooms Day. On that day Mankind will be shocked to see earth emitting all its hidden contents, as mentioned elsewhere in the Quran:

  *"and when the earth is flattened and casts forth what is within it and becomes empty" (84:3-4).*
- Signs of hereafter reflect Allah's ultimate power, control and authority over the universe as well as weakness of man and his dependency upon Allah for his existence and survival on Earth.
- Allah's special arrangements for human survival on Earth shows His love, care, support, assistance and guidance for man.

- Signs of Hereafter reflect Allah's great power, control and authority on universe as well as weakness of Man and his dependency upon Allah for his existence and survival.
- Quran repeatedly talks of this theme by using several expressions that include: "**when the sun is folded up"** (sura 81) **"when the sky is clef a sunder"** (sura 82) and **"when the earth is flattened out"** (sura 84). The objective of this repetition is to remind Muslims of the Hereafter.
- Allah's ultimate justice and accountability of man for his actions shows his relation with Allah as his Lord and Master who has ultimate control on each and everything in this universe.
- He is the Just and He has set this world for human trail but ultimately in the Hereafter, everything will be clear in front of man. Allah's ultimate knowledge and ultimate power will present everything in front man. Finally all mankind will appear in the divine court of justice for the rewards of their worldly deeds. It is mentioned in the Quran:

  *Some faces that day with beam (brighten of beauty) look towards their Lord.*
  *(Surah Qiyamah 22-23)*
- Hereafter is better and Ever living as mentioned in the Quran: ***"Nay you prefer the life of this World. But the Hereafter is better and more enduring.*** [87: 16-17]

## B: Importance of the Theme

- This theme is too much important for a believer to comprehend his weak origin and Allah's favours and blessings on him.
- Understanding of the Main theme of this passage develops strong faith in Allah's power to end time and make all human beings stands accountable before Him for the ultimate justice.
- With such a belief, Muslims learn and realise the worthlessness of this world and understand the value of the life hereafter. It is mentioned in the Quran:

  *"Nay you prefer the life of this world, but the hereafter is better and more enduring" (87:16).*
- Genuine and sincere faith in the hereafter shapes the conduct of Muslims. He adopts the attribute of Taqwa which develops Consciousness of his actions in worldly life.
- He adopts Self-accountability and becomes careful about right and wrongs before doing any deed.
- It provides motivation for good deeds and righteous life. It develops a believer's firm faith in Allah's help and assistance in worldly life.
- This belief reminds believers of God's mercy, favours, blessings, justice and powers. A believers remain thankful to Allah and obeys his commands. He offer his gratitude by offering worship only to Allah and abstaining from all types of Shirk.
- It develops in a believer an attitude of Preparedness for the hereafter.
- It develops trust in Allah's ultimate justice and accountability which makes a man's relation with Allah firm and stronger.
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- Genuine and sincere faith in the hereafter shapes the conduct of Muslims. This belief reminds them of God's mercy justice and powers and reminds them of the Hereafter.
- Belief in the Last Day creates a fear of accountability, reminding Muslims to stay on the straight path.
- Good deeds will be rewarded encouraging Muslims to do good at all times, like following the Pillars, being honest and helping others.
- It keeps them away from disliked things like lying, cheating, gossiping and not obeying God's commandments.
- It helps Muslims understand the temporary nature of the world which can prevent them from being distracted by worldly things, whether it's fashion, money, gaming or work.
- Muslims feel comforted by God's justice, that no good deed will go unnoticed or bad deed unpunished